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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stock holders of The Bennington County National Bank, of Bennington, Vermont will be held in their banking rooms on Tuesday the 2nd day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Howard A. Wilson, Cashier.
Dec. 2, 1916.

Why Not Corn?

The housewife is looking in all directions for ways to reduce the cost of living. Just how flour is one of the expensive items. Corn meal and corn products are comparatively cheap. In this connection the New York Evening Mail says:

Corn is cheap, comparatively. Wheat is high, very high. We have much corn. We have little wheat. We have raised three thousand million bushels of corn in one crop. The greatest crop of wheat we ever produced was one thousand million bushels. Of the crop of this year our yield of corn is four and a half times that of wheat.

Dr. Barnard tells us cornmeal at three cents a pound is equal in value to two loaves of wheat bread.

Based on food value, corn in the form of meal or hominy is the cheapest foodstuff obtainable today.

The south knows corn. To the north and west it is little known comparatively.

Again Dr. Barnard tells us three cents worth of cornmeal contains as much nutriment as ninety cents' worth of eggs at fifty cents a dozen, or fifty-six cents' worth of round steak for which you pay thirty cents a pound.

The high cost of living touches every pocketbook. If you would lighten the strain on your purse, study the virtues of corn.

Today the American housewife uses ten pounds of wheat flour to one pound of corn—corn of which we have an ample quantity and wheat of which there is a scarcity that approaches a famine.

Cornmeal at three cents a pound is equal in food value to six pounds of potatoes, for which the housekeeper today pays twenty cents.

It is equal to a pound of cheese, for which she pays twenty-five cents, thirty cents or more.

It is equal to six pounds of bananas, eleven pounds of oranges, fourteen pounds of cabbage.

The corn that we cook into corn cakes, that we eat as hominy and mush, costs only one-tenth as much as some of our breakfast foods.

Cornmeal and hominy contain twice as much fat as any other cereal except oats, and the world knows the worth of oatmeal.

Think of corn, study corn, talk of corn. The result will be to your benefit and to the benefit of America.

To increase the use of corn is a work of economy and of national good.

Today, of all times, this is true, for what little export trade we had in corn, which went out principally in the form of lard, has been curtailed to the point of disappearance.

Eat corn bread. Get to know the corn bread of the South. Have a real southerner serve corn bread to you once and the wheaten loaf no longer will have its present appeal.

Know the corn pone. If opportunity offers. Know hominy. Know the grain of all grains, corn.

Excuses Unnecessary.

"Does your husband ever tell you when he stays out late at night that it was because some one gave an interesting talk at the club?"

"No."

"How interesting! Doesn't he ever give you any excuse at all or make any explanation?"

"Never. He works on a morning newspaper."—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

Happiness is today's problem, and twenty years hence you and your family can be happy in the memories of today. There's a way. Ask us how. National Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual). Earle S. Kinsey, General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. Adv.

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Friday, December 29, 1916.

The Banner has been presented by L. N. Russell of Cambridge with an old copy of Walton's Vermont Register for the year 1819. This book is a very small volume as compared with the Walton Register of today, but contains a great amount of matter of interest to a Vermonter who likes to read the records of the past. In 1819 Jonas Galusha of Shaftsbury was governor, Paul Brigham of Norwich was lieutenant governor, Benjamin Swan of Woodstock was state treasurer and Richard Skinner of Manchester was speaker. The members of the legislature from Bennington county were Jonathan Robinson of Bennington, Daniel Church of Arlington, John Underhill of Dorset, Richard Skinner of Manchester, Benjamin Gardner of Pownal, Peter Dudley of Peru, John Walker of Readsboro, Nathan Burton of Rupert, Isaac Sherman of Sandgate, Jonathan Draper of Shaftsbury, Timothy Brownson of Sunderland, Levi Gilmore of Stamford, Russell Day of Winhall and Jonathan Dunforth of Woodford. The population of the town is not given but according to the grand list figures Bennington was the largest town in the state with a grand list of \$42,476. Shaftsbury was second with a grand list of \$41,218 and Windsor third with \$39,794. The grand list of several other towns was Burlington, \$21,719; Rutland, \$33,294; Brattleboro, \$20,729; St. Johnsbury, \$15,075; St. Albans, \$19,889; Montpelier, \$23,834; Barre, \$29,502. Vermont at that time had six representatives in congress, including Orasmus C. Merrill of Bennington. The senators from this state were Isaac Tichenor of Bennington and William A. Palmer, Bennington at that time had only one settled pastor, Rev. A. Marsh, a Congregationalist. Aaron Robinson was town clerk and Hiram Hinesdale was first constable. The salary of the governor of the state was \$750 per year, but he also got fees for signing land warrants. The pay of the chief justice was \$1000 per year. Representatives to the legislature got \$150 per day and mileage of five cents per mile. Jonathan Robinson was judge of probate in Bennington and Calvin Sheldon of Rupert was state's attorney. The pay of the state's attorney was one dollar for each indictment and five dollars for trying a case. The book contains several curious names. Boaz Atherton was a Brattleboro lawyer and the name of the representative from Ira was Preserved Fish.

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His Guess.

WILLIE—I guess my dad must have been a pretty bad boy. Toussie—What makes you think that? Willie—Because he knows exactly what questions to ask me when he wants to know what I have been doing.—Pack.

An Estimate of Sunday.

Seeing that everyone is taking a hand at explaining, justifying, condemning "Billy" Sunday, Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, took his fling at the jocular game, and contributed the following in a certain speech before a Boston audience:

"I am so glad you have with you in the city tonight Bill Sunday and myself. . . . The thought has struck me how closely allied hell and I are. Bill is an actor, and a great actor—an actor first, last, and all the time. He has to be an actor to get away with that stuff of his. If your minister, in any of your churches and several denominations, got up in his pulpit, put one foot on the chair and the other on the pulpit and told you you are a lot of dubs, told you you are so low down you would have to get an aeroplane to go to hell with, you would fire him right then and there—on the spot—you know you would, but Bill being an actor gets away with it. He plays on your emotions, the same as I do. That is why he can only stay eight or nine weeks in a town, that is why I can only stay that long at a time; we both wear out our emotions."

"I give you an imitation of Bill's acting. He spreads himself upon the floor and pounding the floor calls down to China for hell. He says: 'Come up devil; come up, you dubs, come up and fight me'—if the devil came up to fight Bill on Saturday there would be a Sunday funeral Monday."—St. Albans Messenger.

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